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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1773
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64625

Hiroyuki HAGIHARA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/713,256

Group Art Unit: 1773

Confirmation No.: 4774

Examiner: Hoa T. Le

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For: COATED ZINC OXIDE PARTICLE, AND PRODUCTION PROCESS AND
APPLICATIONS THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6 and 8 to 14 are all the claims pending in the application.

As noted in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) filed on November 14, 2005, applicants' undersigned attorney spoke with the Examiner on November 8 and 9 concerning proposed amendments to the claims. The Examiner stated during the telephone conferences that since the application was under final rejection, she would refuse to enter the proposed claim amendments if they were presented in an Amendment after final rejection, but stated that she